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The late files did not make the status of the canal bill very clear, though they showed that the railroad lobby was active and full of hope. Past disappointments will prepare the people for another one in this important matter, which, if it falls now, will demonstrate that an anti-railroad campaign will have to precede any proper expansion of America's commercial interests on the sea.

The alliance between Great Britain and Portugal means that the British will have the free use of Delagoa bay as a port for the Transvaal. That is what the alliance is for. It could hardly be justified on other grounds, from the British point of view, as Portugal could be of no special diplomatic or military avail to a world power of Great Britain's proportions.

It appears that the Littlefield bill prohibiting the sale of liquor to the natives of the Pacific Islands belonging to the United States was not intended to touch Hawaii and may be amended so as to exclude this group. Viewed practically such exclusion would be wise, for as the natives of Hawaii are now citizens of the United States they could not be deprived while they remain so of any portion of their acquired rights save in the case of individuals convicted of infamous crimes. To attempt it as the Littlefield bill does simply invites litigation which would end in declaring the Hawaiian clause unconstitutional.

That "Mr. Dooley," otherwise Mr. Dooley, is on the road to the recovery of his health is a matter of satisfaction to many millions of those who admire the keen Chicago philosopher. American always has a pet humorist and treasures him near her heart while his wit and humor last. Artemus Ward and "John Phoenix" were the earlier ones, and though their writings do not seem funny now they touched all Yankee risibles in their day. The humorist of the war period was "Petroleum V. Nasby," to whose letters from the "Confederate X Roads," Mr. Lincoln was wont to turn for relaxation from the cares of State. Later "Mark Twain" came into a vogue which still survives. He was succeeded by Bill Nye, a vaudeville humorist whom everybody read. "Mr. Dooley" now has the center of the stage and long may he hold it.

Last night, for the second time in a week, the electric lights on the circuit which serves this paper ceased to run, putting the type-setting machines out of action and compelling the staff to work by candle light. The matter is referred to as a means of showing the wily lighting monopoly deals with its customers whenever the mood seizes it. Last night's occurrence which was a costly one for the Advertiser, cannot be excused as an accident, as inquiry over the telephone brought the reply that the engineer was "tolling up." It took him over an hour. Why the engineer of a public lighting plant should wait until night to get his machinery in order for service is one of those problems that might be referred to that School of Lost Mysteries which the theosophists have organized in California. It is certainly not to be explained by the rules of common sense.

LET WILCOX ALONE.

It is not very likely that Congress, when it comes to dealing with Delegate Wilcox, will pay much attention to the ravings of Celo Caesar Moreno or to the desire of a woman who was once the Hawaiian Delegate's wife, to even up old scores. The electoral will of the people is not to be abridged by caprice, by personal dislikes or by private enmities. Roberts' case is the exception which proves the rule. He was living in disregard of certain laws of his country, but even that might not have counted at Washington, in view of what many Congressmen called extenuating circumstances, had it not been for the monster petitions which were rolled up against him and for the attitude of the national press. In the case of Wilcox there is nothing to prove that he is living or acting in defiance of any Federal law and there is no public sentiment, reaching out to members of Congress, to demand him as a victim. It is said at Washington that Mr. Wilcox was seditious towards the United States in his campaign attitude here. Certainly intimate political friends, Kaulla for example, were disloyal, but by Wilcox which convicts him of a hostile attitude towards the country of his enforced adoption. Of course he is a humbug and in some respects a knave; but a Congress that accepts a Pettigrew in one branch and a Tammany heeler in the other cannot be final about insincerity and want of moral purpose.

In full understanding of the fact that the Advertiser is accepted at Washington as the chief exponent of American sentiment here, we say that there is no public opinion in Hawaii favorable to the denial of Mr. Wilcox's rights as a Delegate in Congress. We hope the House Committee on Credentials will so understand the fact. Though the Republican and Democratic candidates for Congress together polled more votes than Wilcox got and could have beaten him under a plan of fusion, neither they nor their supporters want the results of the fall election to be overturned. Judging by mere expediency no good could come of it; for if Wilcox should return here a martyr he would probably be sent back to Washington with a larger majority than was given him before.

On broad principles of policy it is better to let so typical a representative of the radical section of Hawaiian voters show his hand and the hand of his party. The official people at Washington, who are a trifle fainful about Hawaiians, will know them better after they have wintered with Wilcox; and if they are to deal wisely with Hawaii in future the more they learn about men and things Hawaiian the better. Wilcox can teach them a great deal; we are willing that he should have a full term and a wide latitude; he will present contrasts which it is well for American statesmen to observe and his ideas will illuminate some fields of inquiry which men like Pettigrew have enveloped in a fog. So give him rope.

THE LAW'S HEAVY HAND.

The order of the United States Department of Justice to District Attorney Baird to begin proceedings against all conspiracies in restraint of trade is the second definite result of the Advertiser's crusade against the plumbing trust. The first was the announcement by the members of the trust that they would henceforth sell their wares to all comers at an even price. If that decision was honestly reached and is being sincerely carried out, this journal would feel at liberty to express the hope that the United States District Attorney would tread lightly in his path of duty, giving the offenders a chance to yield the fruits of repentance. But a story lately brought to us by a contractor raises a presumption of chicanery which we should like to have disposed of first.

This contractor says that he went to a leading supply house and asked it to fill an order for plumbing goods which he himself proposed to install.

"We do not want to sell to you," said the dealer, "but will do so if you demand it, the law giving us no alternative."

"Well, I must demand it then," said the customer.

"All right! Here is our list price. Take your pick."

This was the little joker—the list price. The contractor knew that members of the plumbing trust were getting about 50 per cent off from list prices. He could not pay the latter without making his building cost more than he had agreed to build it for. His remark to the Advertiser was: "You say the trust is pulverized! From my point of view it is in as good working order as ever it was."

If this story represents the actual spirit and practice of the Honolulu plumbers then they have no right to expect mercy either from the District Attorney or the press. To stand up fairly and say: "We did not know we were breaking the law and having found it out we propose hereafter to deal with the public on the square," would be a strong appeal for leniency. But the policy of evading the law invites punishment for past misdeeds. Nobody can support the plumbers in that; no one can justly complain if they are made to toe the mark in the Federal Court.

It is understood that the United States District Attorney has discovered other conspiracies in restraint of trade than that one so successfully attacked by the Advertiser. If so we wish him a legal triumph in his dealings with them. What they are is not clear, for it has not seemed to us that any of the ordinary combines named in the recent past as proper objects of attack, have violated any law which the Supreme Court regards as constitutional. However, Mr. Baird's judgment upon these matters is not disputed, and if he succeeds in bringing other trusts to time, which indubitably abuse the public, this journal will not withhold from him any credit he may deserve at the hands of the people's press. All trusts should go; and if all of them can be reached by the law as it stands so much the better.

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

Heat and Cold.

We learned from our teachers that heat is life and cold is death. We have grown up in that belief and are inclined to cling to it, just as we are inclined to believe that the earth is round. Heat destroys all forms of germ life at a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit, therefore heat is death. Recent experiments with liquid air have demonstrated beyond doubt that germs can resist a temperature of 312 degrees below zero, therefore cold is life. I believe that liquid air will enable us to suspend indefinitely the vital functions. Dr. A. Campbell White's experiments at the Vanderbilt clinic have shown that a change of 400 degrees in a localized part of the human body can be made by means of liquid air without causing localized destruction of tissues. It takes only a second or two to produce the most extreme cold, and a little more than that time for the part to regain its temperature. Let us freeze a dog and see if it can be kept a week and restored to life.

Dr. White has applied liquid air to the tissues of the human body in the form of spray. The skin becomes anemic and perfectly white or colorless. Within much less than a minute the part is frozen as hard as ice, and the circulation returns in a few minutes without any injury to the tissues. There is no pain in the application except at the very beginning, when there is a slight burning or tingling. Liquid air is a complete anesthetic but not an antiseptic. Men have been burning their arms and legs nearly to a crisp to cure the rheumatic gout, suffering agonies in the furnace, when here is an agent that is both painless and effective.

Japs Becoming Beer Drinkers.

The Japanese are closely wedded to their native sake, a light wine, made of rice principally, but in which there is 14 per cent of alcohol, enough to make the drinkers drunk, and they drink great quantities of it. "As the consumption of beer increases in Japan, the consumption of sake decreases, but people are a very temperate race, and are not much given to intoxicants of any kind," said a prominent manufacturer from Japan, the other day. "The drinkers of beer are largely increasing every year, and it would not surprise me to see the consumption of beer larger in the next few years, for where the Japanese once become beer drinkers they remain beer drinkers. All of our beer, as is the case with all beer brewed in Japan, is bottled, and good profits are made from it. We have no saloons as saloons are known in the United States, and we sell to the jobber and to the consumer."

Makes Her Gift Roses Grow.

A Philadelphia girl has carried out a very pretty idea in the matter of roses. Providing a small box of sand, she planted therein all the roses that were given her as cut flower offerings in September and October, and has now more than one-half of these cuttings rooted. They have put out little leaves, and the collection is a source of great interest to herself and friends. She hopes to have a rose garden for next summer. Her first bedding box was a long cigar box, over which she placed a pane of window glass. This gave her a good deal of exercise, as she moved it with the sun from window to window.

A Much-Prized Pane.

There is one pane of glass at Marlborough house, in England, that has a peculiar sort of history, and is most carefully guarded. The late Duke of Clarence once entered the sitting room of one of his sisters and scratched with a diamond on the window his name, "Eddy." Soon after the present Emperor of Russia entered the room, and, noticing the handiwork of his cousin, scratched "Nicky" beneath it.

CHURCH NOTES.

Hereafter confessions will be heard in the Polish language in St. Boniface's church, San Francisco. A number of Catholics who speak the Polish language attend this church.

An imposing Thanksgiving service was held at the Nefusot Yeuda Synagogue, in Gibraltar, to celebrate its centenary. The edifice was thronged with worshippers, many Christian friends being present.

Rev. Sam Jones, the revivalist, is completely broken in health and has gone to his daughter's home in Atlanta to reside. It will be a long time before he will be able to preach again, if indeed he ever regains sufficient strength.

All Saints' Episcopal church, Palo Alto, recently formed, comprises a vestry of three professors of the university, two professional men and one railroad official. Rev. D. Charles Gardner was elected rector. Steps are being taken to acquire two lots adjoining the church for a rectory and parish house.

In the city of Heidelberg, Germany, there is a church called the Church of the Holy Ghost, which is unique in its way, being the only church in the world in which the Catholic and Protestant services are held at the same time, a partition wall through the center separating the two congregations.

A petition is being largely signed by the Jews of Roumania for presentation to the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. The petitioners point out that in article 46 of the Paris convention of 1858 equality of rights was assured to them and that they have waited in vain for forty-two years for the fulfillment of this pledge.

The Anti-Saloon League forces in California have defeated the saloon in three out of four counties by a decisive vote. Ventura county was carried by between 500 and 600 majority; Orange county by over 300; Santa Cruz by over 200, and San Diego county, outside the city, carried, but the 600 majority in the city turned the tide the other way.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, representing a membership of 300,000, and the colored Methodist Church of America, with a membership of 150,000, have consolidated. They will build a church edifice in Chicago which will be the most costly and imposing of any church building owned by a colored congregation in the United States.

The receipts of the church extension board of the Methodist Episcopal church since its organization in 1865 have been: General fund, \$4,409,356.08; loan fund, permanent capital, \$1,136,954.32; loans returned, \$5,954,969.07. The total number of churches added was 11,677, making an average, excluding Sundays, of one church per day for thirty-five years, plus 882 churches.

Pundita Ramabai reports: "Within the past year the work at Mukti has prospered greatly. At present there are, all told, nearly 750 girls receiving training where last year there were but 375. The Sharada Sadan itself has grown up in that belief and are inclined to cling to it, just as we are inclined to believe that the earth is round. Heat destroys all forms of germ life at a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit, therefore heat is death. Recent experiments with liquid air have demonstrated beyond doubt that germs can resist a temperature of 312 degrees below zero, therefore cold is life. I believe that liquid air will enable us to suspend indefinitely the vital functions. Dr. A. Campbell White's experiments at the Vanderbilt clinic have shown that a change of 400 degrees in a localized part of the human body can be made by means of liquid air without causing localized destruction of tissues. It takes only a second or two to produce the most extreme cold, and a little more than that time for the part to regain its temperature. Let us freeze a dog and see if it can be kept a week and restored to life.

At the thirty-first annual session of the general executive committee of the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held at Worcester, Mass., October 24th, the general secretary reported receipts last year \$360,338.63. Of this the Pacific branch gave \$16,638; Columbia river, \$5,034.43. The largest amount is credited to the Northwest—\$108,428.13.

The Los Angeles Independent, an interdenominational paper, remarks: "A thoroughly reliable gentleman in this city was startled while listening to the count of votes at his precinct to hear every Prohibition ticket score one against the amendment releasing churches from taxation. A gentleman from Pomona, who was clerk of election, reported the same fact there." Query—Was it a preconcerted movement?

Rev. Jonathan Edwards of Spokane, in a recent farewell reception given him, said that fifteen years ago there were then in that city but four Protestant churches; now there are about fifty. Then there were about 200 members, now about 10,000. There were then twenty Congregational church members, with church property valued at \$1,500. Now there are about 1,000 members in the six churches and property valued at \$75,000.

The first recorded Thanksgiving was the Hebrew feast of the Tabernacles. The New England Thanksgiving dates from 1623. The first national Thanksgiving proclamations were by Congress during the Revolutionary war. There was no more national Thanksgiving in 1789, and no other until 1863, when President Lincoln issued a national proclamation for a day of thanksgiving. Since that time the President has issued the annual proclamation.

A FRIEND IN DISGUISE.

Crawford—I don't see how you can have a good word for the Christmas crowds.

Crabshaw—Why, old boy, I undertook to accompany my wife on her shopping tour and if it hadn't been for the crowd I could never have lost her in the first store we entered.

A DEFINITION.

Little Elmer—Papa, what is a Christmas green?

Prof. Broadhead—A Christmas green, my son, is a young man who, having fallen out with his best girl early in December, makes up with her in time to be compelled to buy her a Christmas present.

JUST THE THING.

Mrs. Bingo—I want to send my cousin a Christmas present as a remembrance. Something that has no value.

Bingo—Why don't you send her that progressive euchre prize you won the other night?

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